

# **Advanced Monitoring Programmatic Review Report**

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection PWSS Program  
F00336510

Performed by the  
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## **1. Background and Methodology**

Beginning in 1976, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has annually received a Congressional appropriation under section 1443(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to assist states, territories, and tribes in carrying out their Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) programs. States, territories, and tribes must have Primary Enforcement Responsibility (Primacy) for the PWSS program, for implementation and enforcement of the requirements of the SDWA that apply to all public water systems, in order to be eligible for financial assistance. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), has primacy for the PWSS program in Pennsylvania.

The fundamental goal of the PWSS program, and the grants, is to ensure that public water systems comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations listed in 40 CFR 141. PWSS grants are used to ensure that public drinking water systems: (1) are currently in compliance and will remain in compliance with all drinking water regulations, (2) are working with noncompliant systems to achieve compliance, and (3) are preparing for future compliance with any new drinking water regulations that will be taking effect in the current or following year.

Pennsylvania's PWSS grant is based on a two-year project period. The subject of this advanced monitoring review is PADEP's PWSS grant number F00336510. The project period for this grant runs from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012, encompassing state fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

EPA conducted an off-site comprehensive evaluation (desk review) of the grant. EPA reviewed the workplan under the signed assistance agreement, semi-annual progress reports, administrative and programmatic conditions of the grant, and the grant payment history. EPA addressed all of the core areas that apply to the agreement as defined in EPA Order 5700.6.

## **2. Results of Review**

The review determined that PA DEP's PWSS grant is being implemented in accordance with EPA Order 5700.6 requirements as follows:

- Ensure equipment purchased under the award is properly managed and accounted for.  
No equipment was purchased under this Assistance Agreement.
- Compare the recipient's workplan to actual progress under the award.  
The workplan was finalized on July 6, 2010. EPA received semi-annual progress reports from PADEP on February 15, 2011, August 8, 2011, February 10, 2012 and August 15, 2012. All reports were submitted timely and demonstrated the acceptable progress on projects performed within the scope of the workplan. EPA followed each progress report submission with written comments and/or a conference call to further discuss PADEP's progress and to identify any challenges. Communications between PADEP and EPA for this grant have been frequent.
- Examine the finances to ensure funds are available to complete the projects under the award.  
As of the date of this review, nearly all (99.8%) of the grant funds were expended. EPA has determined that all projects under the agreement have been successfully completed by the end of the project period.
- Ensure all programmatic terms and conditions are met.  
PADEP complied with all programmatic and administrative terms and conditions of the grant.
- Ensure all programmatic statutory and regulatory requirements are met.  
PADEP complied with all programmatic statutory and regulatory requirements of the grant.

### **3. Resolution Plan and Timing**

No issues of any kind were identified for EPA action during this review. No previous advanced monitoring recommendations exist.

### **4. EPA Contact**

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